

**REMARKS**

Claims 9-17 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1-8 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Restriction Requirement**

Applicants hereby elect Group II, drawn to a method of coating. This election is made without traverse.

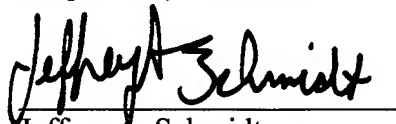
Previously, claims 6-8 were drawn to the Group II method, however, new claims 9-17 have been added to present the subject matter of claims 6-8 in a form more preferred for US practice. Accordingly, new claims 9-17 are directed to elected Group II. Therefore, Applicants now respectfully request an Office Action on the merits to address new claims 9-17.

**Conclusion**

If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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